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T-72 MEDIUM TANKS

CHITA TANK DIVISION HEADQUARTERS/ARMY BARRACKS AL 15, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE PRESENCE OF T-72 MEDIUM TANKS AT THIS TANK TRAINING DIVISION MAY INDICATE FURTHER DEPLOYMENT IN THE TRANSBAIKAL MD AND MONGOLIA.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: FIVE T-72 TANKS ARE OBSERVED ON PARTIAL COVERAGE OF ONE OF TWO TANK REGIMENTS OF THE 49TH TANK DIVISION (TD) HOUSED AT CHITA TANK DIVISION HEADQUARTERS/ARMY BARRACKS AL-15. THIS DIVISION IS THE TANK TRAINING DIVISION SUBORDINATE TO THE TRANSBAIKAL MILITARY DISTRICT. AS SUCH, IT ALSO SUPPORTS TRAINING FOR SOVIET FORCES IN MONGOLIA. TO FULFILL ITS TRAINING MISSION THE 49TH TD HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH A MIX OF T-55 AND T-62 MEDIUM TANKS. PRIOR TO , ONLY THE T-55 AND THE T-62 WERE DEPLOYED IN UNIT STRENGTH IN TRANSBAIKAL AND MONGOLIA. 25X1

(S/D) ON FORTY T-72 WERE SEEN WITH SOVIET FORCES IN MONGOLIA AT SUMBER SUMA SOUTHEAST MILITARY CAMP , EQUIPPING A TANK BATTALION SUBORDINATE TO A MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT. THE FIVE T-72 TANKS WITH THE TRAINING DIVISION AT CHITA, HAVE BEEN PRESENT SINCE AT LEAST 25X1 25X1 25X1

(S/D) CHITA IS APPROXIMATELY 120 NM NORTH OF THE USSR-MONGOLIA BORDER.

3. COORDINATES 51-59-43N 113-36-50E 25X1

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